

III. REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 9 and 17-19 have been amended and claim 20 has been canceled. As a result, claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. Applicant reserves the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board affirms the Office's rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 9 and 17-19 to remove the word all. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board affirms the Office's rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled claim 20 via this amendment. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board overrules the Office's rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants amendments herein have not affected the limitations that were the source of the Board's decision. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that that claims are allowable.

IV. CONCLUSION

In addition to the above arguments, Applicant submits that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Additionally, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Office's combinations and modifications of the various references or the motives cited for such combinations and modifications. These features and the appropriateness of the Office's combinations and modifications have not been separately addressed herein for brevity. However, Applicant reserves the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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